

RELIGION

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RELIGION UPDATE

by Dee Armstrong

There is a big difference in Religion and Christianity. The difference is Jesus Christ. Being religious is not necessarily being a Christian. This week's UPDATE with food for thought: Religion versus Christianity.

Sweetheart Tea to be held at Williams' Temple Church of God in Christ, located at 2141 N.E. Hancock. Sponsored by the Sunday School Department, Sunday, February 17 at 3:30 until 5:30 p.m. Donations, \$2.00.

Soul Food Dinner, sponsored by the Prayer Rescue Mission "LoveFeast," Sunday, March 10, 1:30 until 5:00 p.m. at 1234 N.E. Killingsworth. Donations: Adults, \$5; \$2.50, 10 years and under.

Maranatha after-school activities combine Bible, fun

Do your children need something fun and worthwhile to do after school?

Pioneer Clubs are a once-a-week club activity for grade school children, on Thursdays, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., at Maranatha Church, 4222 N.E. 12th Ave.

Pioneer Clubs combine games, music, crafts, field trips, and seasonal celebrations, with an interesting Bible-

learning program. There is a program of awards and honors that the children can participate in, similar to those in Scouts or Campfire.

Church bus transportation from the child's school to the church, and back to the school after club, is possible if there are enough participants from a given school. Vernon School is being served already. Call 288-7241 for information and/or an application.

Presbyterians raise \$2 million for African hunger relief

More than \$2 million to relieve hunger in Ethiopia and other African countries has been collected in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) since November, according to officials in the 3.1 million member denomination.

The money has been collected through the Mission Treasury Service in the New York office of the denomination and through the Hunger Fund and Crisis Fund administered in the Atlanta office.

Between Nov. 15, when the first checks began arriving in the New York office, and Jan. 11, \$1,189,400.26 has been collected and disbursed through Mission Treasury Service in the denomination's Support Agency, according to Royal Denny, associate manager, Mission Treasury Service.

Of that total, \$1,023,883.32 has been collected in the New York office for emergency disaster relief for Ethiopia. All of that money has been turned over to the World Relief, Emergency and Resettlement Services office in the denomination's Program Agency, which transfers the money to Church World Service, Denny said.

The remainder of the money collected through the New York office was designated for either Ethiopia — \$70,843.66 — or Africa in general — \$94,673.23. That money is administered through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, a Program Agency effort conducted with the Presbyterian Hunger Program of the General Assembly Mission Board in Atlanta.

In Atlanta, money collected for Ethiopia and Africa in general during November and December amounts to "in excess of \$800,000," according to Jack Bramer, treasurer of the General Assembly Mission Board.

In New York, Denny estimated that \$150,000 has come to Mission Treas-

ury Service since last Jan. 11. In Atlanta, Bramer noted that additional money has come in during January.

The total of \$1,189,400.26 collected through New York as of Jan. 11, plus the estimated \$150,000 collected in New York since then, plus the "excess of \$800,000" in Atlanta, exceeds \$2 million.

In November, the World Relief, Emergency and Resettlement Services office in New York and the Office of World Service in Atlanta sent out a relief alert stating that congregations or individuals desiring to share in the ministry of relief in Africa, or any other international or domestic disaster, may do so at any time by sending designated contributions to either Mission Treasury Service, 904 Interchurch Center, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115 or to Crisis Fund, 341 Ponce de Leon Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30365.

Contributions for Ethiopia should be designated "Ethiopian Famine Relief," according to the alert. "One hundred percent of designated funds go to the project designated," the alert noted.

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Northeast child care center now open

A new child care center has recently opened in Northeast Portland, and is offering the first month of care at no cost.

The Sonbeam Day Care Center and preschool is located at 620 NE Clackamas, just west of the Lloyd Center.

The center, a non-profit organization, is operated by Temple Baptist Church, and occupies space in a new building constructed last year especially for the child care center.

"Our congregation really felt there was a need for quality, safe, affordable child care, not only for those who live in the area but work nearby as well," said Lloyd Rekstad, who heads the church's Day Care Committee.

"Sonbeam Day Care Center is open to all children regardless of their religion or race. We don't intend this to be only for our congregation," he said.

Approximately 15 full-time (or equivalent) youngsters, aged two and one-half through five years, now play and learn in the loving atmosphere provided at the center, Rekstad said. In order to interest parents in bringing their children to Sonbeam, the center will provide the first month of care free of cost.

The center is equipped with a large open area for group activities. Activity centers stimulate the interest of small groups of children or individuals. A gym provides space for indoor play and a large climbing apparatus adds interest to an outdoor play area.

The center is open from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, please call Fred Johnson, 233-7272.

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